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## **Governor Brewer Requests Federal Disaster Assistance for Maricopa County**

*SBA loans would aid flood recovery efforts in Laveen, New River*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today sent a disaster declaration request to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), asking that the federal agency assist residents and businesses in Maricopa County in their recovery from last month's devastating flash floods.

Governor Brewer's letter to SBA Director Tanya N. Garfield requested a Physical Disaster Declaration to provide property damage loans for home and business owners in Maricopa County.

Maricopa County received rainfall on seven of eight consecutive days between August 12 and 19. The continued saturation of soil in concentrated areas created flash-flood conditions and subsequent impacts to over 350 homes. Laveen received 3.97 inches of rain, while New River received 6.85 inches.

The SBA joined the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM), Maricopa County Emergency Management, City of Phoenix Emergency Management and the American Red Cross on field Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) last week to determine the magnitude of the damage caused by the flash floods in Laveen and New River.

The PDA documented major damage to at least 41 homes/businesses and minor damage to an additional 61 homes/businesses. Based on the results of the joint PDA, the teams have confirmed that the number of primary residences and businesses damaged by flooding exceeds the minimum threshold of twenty-five (25), indicating that Maricopa County might qualify for SBA assistance.

For qualifying homeowners in Maricopa County, a Physical Disaster Declaration makes property damage loans of up to \$200,000 available to homeowners and renters to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Loans of up to \$40,000 are given to eligible households to restore or replace property.

If SBA approves Arizona's request, ADEM will support local government in the establishment of an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC).

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